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King's Children.

THE KING'S CHILDREN AND THE PASTOR.

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The relations of the King's Children Society and the pastor must be reciprocal. Neither one is the reason for its own existence. The King's Children was the outgrowth of a conviction that the young people need a channel through which they could aid the pastor, and by which the pastor could sustain a closer and more influential relation to the young people. That relation is one of fostering care and kindly counsel. The young people because of their inexperience cannot safely dispense with the aid of the pastor. Indeed in this especially, of all the auxiliaries of the church, the pastor must be the guiding spirit. The King's Children Society is one of his instruments to reach the world for Christ, hence it deserves his best thought. From it more than all other aids in the church must come the church of the future. Most other societies in the church are composed almost entirely of the church members. Here is an organization which contains many not members of any, but soon to become members of some church. In this organization, then, should the pastor's power be felt, not in the way of monopolizing the time of the meetings, but in the spirit pervading it all, in the nature of the programs rendered, in the working of every committee. He must guide the affairs of the society without seeming to do so, unless it becomes necessary.

On the other hand, every officer of the society should seek to embody the pastor's ideas in his work, or, if his judgment so dictate, see the pastor privately and lay before him the reasons for disagreement. Often by a kindly talk the pastor will see things not observed before that will cause him to modify his views and save the society from an unfortunate course.

The pastor, however, should not be burdened with the carrying out in detail the suggestions. Other duties demand his time. The society should rely on its members for such work, which can be done satisfactorily and with great profit by its members.

In this age of progress in church methods and when men are asking so diligently what is the mind of Christ, no pastor, that professes to be awake to the calling voices of deepest need from perishing hu-

manity, can ignore the agency of the King's Children in the Brethren church in bringing the young into active and efficient co-operation with the pastor and church in saving the youth from sin.

The Brethren church has a mission, ordained of the Most High, in this seething nineteenth century in turning men and creeds back to Christ and Christ alone, and the King's Children is, under God, one of its new found hands wherewith to distribute the bread of life to a large and exceedingly enthusiastic army of young people, too long neglected and ignored by the Church of the Youth of Nazareth. O, pastors of the flock, to you comes the appealing cry from thousands of young converts, to organize them for Christ and humanity that they may develop into healthy growth the inert and shrivelling muscles of their spiritual nature by working for the Master. Will you hear that call in this hour before it dies in sinful silence?

NO EXCUSE FOR CARELESSNESS.

"Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord negligently" (Jer. 58:10, R. V.) is a tremendous utterance for anyone to face, but it only expresses the same judgment as is pronounced in every part of the Scriptures against spiritual indolence or carelessness, which amounts to positive disobedience. No one can be "negligent" who has the love of Christ shed abroad in his heart, and lives under the powers of the world to come. Paul said: "Woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel." He felt the pressure of a solemn "necessity" to abound in labors and sufferings. He who is "negligent" in work is the unprofitable servant who hid his Lord's money in a napkin. Whatsoever we do this year, let us do it with our might.—*London Christian*.

THE word "Amen" does not mean, "Let it be so?" In that case the word would simply be an additional prayer. "Amen" means "it shall be so." It is a declaration of faith, not a word of supplication.—*Dr. A. T. Pierson*.

Matrimonial.

REESE—CARMANY.—At Listie, Pa., Sunday, January 26, 1896, by the undersigned, Mr. John E. Reese of Somerset, and sister Mary A. Carmany of Listie, Pa.
JOHN H. KNEPPER.
Berlin, Pa.

GARDNER—BLOUGH.—Married by the undersigned at the residence of the bride's parents, Elkhart Co., Ind., Sunday, January 26, 1896, Mr. Ira T. Gardner and Miss Clara E. Blough.

I. N. MILLER.

Items of Interest.

—Nearly one and one-fourth millions people die every fortnight.

—The deepest artesian well in the world is at Buda-Pesh. It is 8,140 feet deep.

—The Swiss government made a profit of about \$1,000,000 last year on its monopoly in spirits.

—There are to be coined soon in the mints of Philadelphia and New Orleans \$10,000,000 in silver.

—Very few people know the sound of their own voice. When they hear it in a phonograph they are much surprised.

—It is said that a Yankee in Brazil obtains ice by sending up a kite with a tin attached, to such a height that the liquid is frozen.

—Vienna has established a circulating library for the blind, for which 400 volumes of German works have been prepared in raised type.

—The other day a Jersey City judge rendered a judgment against a woman for rent and straightway satisfied it by paying the rent and costs out of his own pocket.

—The Japanese begin building their houses at the top. The roof is built first and elevated on a skeleton frame. Then it affords shelter to the workmen from storms.

—The gas and oil excitement about Wooster, Ohio, is at fever heat. Already there have been leased over 7,000 acres, upon which drilling will begin the coming spring.

—It has been calculated by an astronomer that if the diameter of the sun is daily diminished by two feet, over 3,000 years must pass by before the astronomical instruments now in use could detect the diminution.

—James Bryce, who wrote "The American Commonwealth," says the South African gold mines, which he has just inspected, will produce \$2,500,000 worth of the precious metal. That will double the present world's supply.

—On the night of January 16 a very destructive storm raged along the coast of Washington and Oregon, covering in fact the whole Pacific Coast from British Columbia to Los Angeles. Much damage to shipping was reported.

—Queen Victoria is in possession of a curious needle. It was made at the celebrated needle factory at Redditch. Scenes from the Queen's life are depicted on the needle, so finely cut that they are only discernable through a microscope.